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zRepresentative Gale Mastrofrancesco; Sen. Sampson, Rob

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

I'm writing in regards S.B. No. 16 An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime.

I appreciate Governor Lamont wanting to get tough on crime, as crime thefts in CT have gotten completely out of hand. But I cannot support this bill that has 60 pages of infringements on the rights of citizens. None of these gun control proposals will actually accomplish being tough on crime. Tough on crime needs to start with serving sentences and holding juveniles accountable, because when there is no accountability for a crime committed nothing deters them (the criminals) from continuing to commit crimes.

Roughly 70% of gun offenses in Connecticut today are NOT prosecuted and the majority of all gun crimes in the state are committed by criminals. CT does not have "too many guns" it has too many illegal guns and crimes with no penalty or accountability to those that commit the crimes, and the majority of violence are from the same offenders over and over again.

Did you know that 2020 and 2021 set records for new legal permit holders all over the country? Yes, these new law-abiding gun owners are all ages, genders, races, sexual orientation and political affiliations.

Why go after legal and law abiding citizens instead of just fully prosecuting and holding accountable those that commit crimes.

I ask you to reject Senate Bill 16.

I also OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Sincerely,
Chris Theriault